

Welfare and Institutions Code

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4418.25 (a) The department shall establish policies and procedures for the development of an annual community placement plan by regional centers. The community placement plan shall be based upon an individual program plan process as referred to in subdivision (a) of Section 4418.3 and shall be linked to the development of the annual State Budget. The department's policies shall address statewide priorities, plan requirements, and the statutory roles of regional centers, developmental centers, and regional resource development projects in the process of assisting consumer for community living and in the development of community resources.

4679. (a) In any year for which funding is available, as provided in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 4418.25, to address the needs for services and supports of consumers living in the community, the department shall issue guidelines, including procedures and timelines, for the use of the available funds. These community resource development plan guidelines shall include requirements that community resource development plan funds be expended in accord with the principles of person-centered planning and that funded services be culturally and linguistically appropriate to the population served by the regional center.

(b) By December 31 of each year, the department shall engage stakeholders statewide, including soliciting input from the existing Developmental Services Task Force, to inform the development of the guidelines. Priorities for funding shall include, but need not be limited to, safety net services and supports that reduce reliance on the secure treatment program at Porterville Developmental Center, institutions for mental disease, other restrictive settings in the community for which federal funding is not available, and out-of-state placement.

(c) The guidelines shall require regional centers to conduct outreach activities and seek input from stakeholders representing the diversity of the regional center's catchment area, including, but not limited to, consumers, family members, providers, and advocates, to determine local needs and priorities for the use of community resource development plan funds. Each regional center shall identify the stakeholders it consulted with and include information on how it incorporated the input of stakeholders into its community resource development plan funding requests. The regional center shall post its priorities for community resource development as informed by the stakeholder process on its Internet Web site at least two weeks prior to submitting its funding request to the department to allow for any final stakeholder input.

(d) Proposals for the use of community resource development plan funds shall include justification for the funding requests, including quantitative data, and shall also include a description of how the regional center shall monitor resource development and assess outcomes. The department shall review, negotiate, and approve regional center community resource development plans for feasibility.

(e) Each regional center's approved proposals shall be posted on the regional center's Internet Web site and the department shall post links to each regional center's approved proposals on its Internet Web site. Regional centers shall submit quarterly reports to the department, as specified in the guidelines, on the use of community resource development plan funds and outcomes of resource development. The department shall update legislative staff on the community resource development plan activities pursuant to this section during regularly scheduled quarterly briefings, and shall annually report during the Senate and Assembly budget subcommittee hearing process on community resource development plan implementation.